Agriculture Credit System

1350. SHRI P. UPENDRA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the farmers have demanded separation of procurement prices from minimum support price;

(b) whether a suggestion has also been made or streamlining the agriculture credit system; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken by Government on these sugges-
tions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c) No, Sir, However, Government have initiated action to enhance flow of credit to agriculture on the re commendations of the Agricultural Credit Review Committee for streng thening of Cooperative Banks. To wards this exercise, a Business Deve lopment Planning Programme has been launched for cctoparatives to make them viable; a Model Deposit Guarantee Scheme has been prepared to enhance deposit mobilisation for Primary Cooperatives; States have been asked to introduce the Pass Book System to enable farmers to have easy access to credit; a Cash Credit System has been introduced by NABARD in areas where there is perennial irrigation and multiple cropping; and States have been asked to simplify lending policies and procedures. The NABARD has also been approached to revise the scales of finance and lending programme for short term agricultural loans in view of inceased input costs, especially for fertilisers.

National Grape research Centre

1351. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish a National Grape Research Centre at Hyderabad in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c)) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Doee not arise.

(c) The Site Selection Team constituted by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has not recommended any site in Andhra Pradesh for location of the Centre.

Andhra Pradesh State Dairy Deve-lopment Corporation

1352. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: WiU the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Central Government to provide financial as-istance to Andhra Pradesh State Dairy Development Corporation;

(b) if so, the details therof; and

(c) what is the reaction Govern ment thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c) The Central Government has not received any proposal from the Government of Andhra Pradesh to provide financial assistance to Andhra Pre-